THOSE WHO LOSE SIGHT OF THE SUN
BECOME LOST IN THE DARKNESS.
WHERE ARE YOU!?
THOTH!
THOTH...
AND ONCE ONE
LIGHT
HAS FALLEN,
ONE MUST GO FORTH SO HE WILL
NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF IT AGAIN.
前回の読み切りの大人気にお応えして「I'm」再び登場です！
特別読み切り
センターカラー！
I'm

ネオファンタジー読み切り58p!!
闇を照らせ!!
青白き月よ
全ての
イム
ガンガン期待のルーキー再び登場!!
森下真
MAKOTO MORISHITA

I'M TELLING YOU NOT TO GO! YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY PASS THROUGH THE DESERT!
BUT I NEED TO GET TO THE TEMPLE OF THE MOON!
THAT'S INSANE! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ANYTHING!!
THERE'S A MAGICIAN IN THE DESERT!
CLAD IN ALL BLACK WITH A BEAST OF DARKNESS AT HIS BECK AND CALL...
A TERRIFYING MAGICIAN!
IF HE CAPTURES YOU...
YOU'LL NEVER SEE YOUR MOM AGAIN!!
HEH... WHAT MAGICIAN...
I GOT THROUGH IT...!

I MADE IT...
THE CITY OF HELIOPOLIS!

DID YOU WALK THROUGH THE DESERT ON YOUR OWN, KID?
YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING! BUT YOU'RE PROBABLY WORN OUT, SO WHY NOT REST AT OUR PLACE?
Fuu...
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT I'LL TAKE A LITTLE...
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT!!
Ah!
Our money source!

A PORT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COUNTRY WHERE BOATS GATHER... THEY SAY, "THERE'S NO CITY YOU CAN'T GET TO FROM HERE."
AND IT LOOKS LIKE THAT'S TRUE!!

SORRY, BUT I'M IN A HURRY!!
!
CRACK
THAT WAS THE TABLET WE WERE GOING TO PRESENT TO THE SHRINE...
AND NOW IT'S BROKEN!!!
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WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, YOU BRAAAT!!?
!?
AAAAAAAH!!!
THIS IS THE TABLET OF THE GODS!
IT WAS GIVEN TO US BY THE PRIESTS! THOSE WHO CAN DECIPHER THIS WILL BE GRANTED THE POWER OF A GOD!!
IT HAS THE POWER TO TURN MEN INTO GODS!!
SHUT UP!! THIS ISN'T JUST A PIECE OF ROCK!
I... IT'S JUST A TABLET, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

YOU THERE.
LEMME GO!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT THIS, BRAT!?
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN!?
YOU BRAT.. I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING YOU BEFORE
ARE YOU A REFUGEE? AN IMMIGRANT?
!!
GAAAA AAAAA AAH!!!
?!
CRUNCH
HAVE YOU SEEN A DOG ABOUT THIS SIZE AROUND HERE?
NOW, HAVE YOU SEEN A SMALL DOG AROUND HERE?
IT'S ROUND, AND BLACK..
HM?
IT'S BEEN CRUSHED!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE...?

WE'LL MAKE SLAVES OUTTA YOU AND THAT BRAT, AND YOUR LITTLE DOG TOO!
YOU THINK WE GIVE A SHIT ABOUT YOUR DOG!?
OUR LIVES ARE ON THE LINE HERE!!
IT'D INTERFERE WITH THE REST OF MY LIFE.
HMM. THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM
SO I'LL HAVE TO REFUSE.

Boom!!
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AAAAAAAAAA!!!
HA..
HAHA HAHAH! DON'T YOU EVER FORGET
THE POWER OF MY MASTER!!!
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?
LOOKS LIKE WE PICKED THE WRONG GUY'S SLAVE TO MESS WITH...
AND THAT'S WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF YOU MESS WITH ME!
WHY IS HE HERE!?
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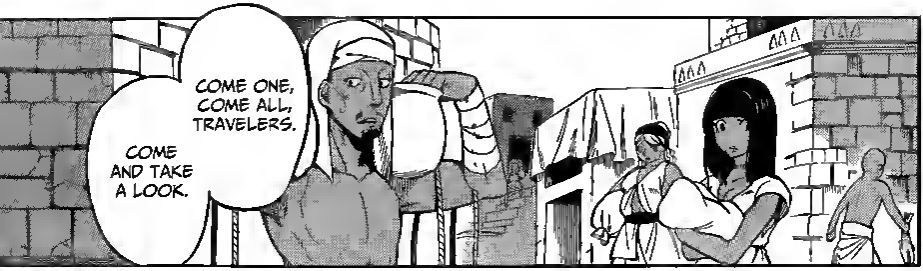
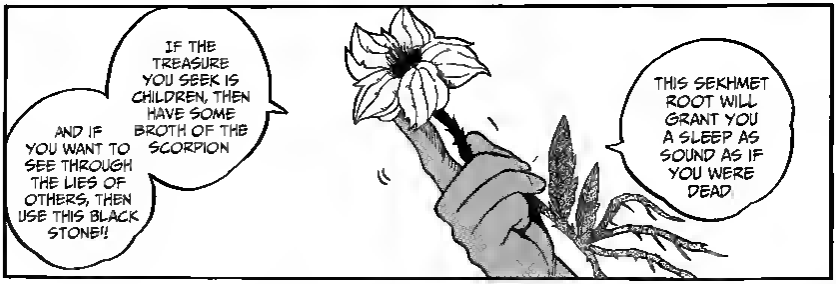
THE MAN DRESSED ALL IN BLACK..
HE'S..!!

THE MAGICIAN OF THE DESERT
IMHOTEP!!

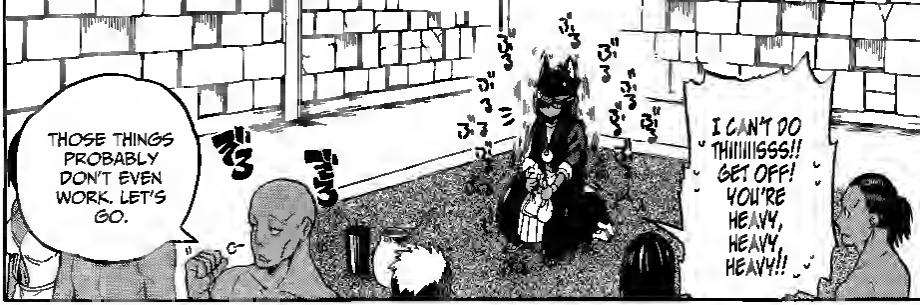
WELL, I'M NOT ONE TO DENY SUCH A HEARTFELT REQUEST
I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU WORK UNDER ME, SLAVE

QUITE THE HONEST LAD, AREN'T YOU?
TO THINK YOU'D OFFER YOUR BODY UP TO REPAY THIS FAVOR...

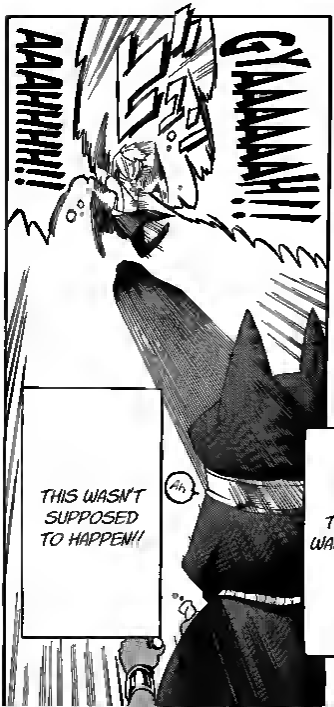

COME ONE, COME ALL, TRAVELERS.
COME AND TAKE A LOOK.


IF THE TREASURE YOU SEEK IS CHILDREN, THEN HAVE SOME BROTH OF THE SCORPION
AND IF YOU WANT TO SEE THROUGH THE LIES OF OTHERS, THEN USE THIS BLACK STONE!!
THIS SEKHMET ROOT WILL GRANT YOU A SLEEP AS SOUND AS IF YOU WERE DEAD.

MAN, YOU'RE A LIFE SAVER. I WAS WONDERING WHAT I'D DO IF MY ASS STARTED TO HURT AFTER SITTING ON THE GROUND SO LONG
THANKS A BUNCH, SLAVE.
THIS IS CHILD ABUSE!!
COME AND BUY SOMETHING!
IF YOU ACT NOW, I'LL EVEN THROW IN SOME AMULETS FOR CHEAP!
NGH-
GGGG-
GGG!!!


I CAN'T DO THIIIIISSS!! GET OFF! YOU'RE HEAVY, HEAVY, HEAVY!!
THOSE THINGS PROBABLY DON'T EVEN WORK. LET'S GO.

HM.
DO NOT DOUBT.
OPEN YOUR EYES AND BEHOLD.

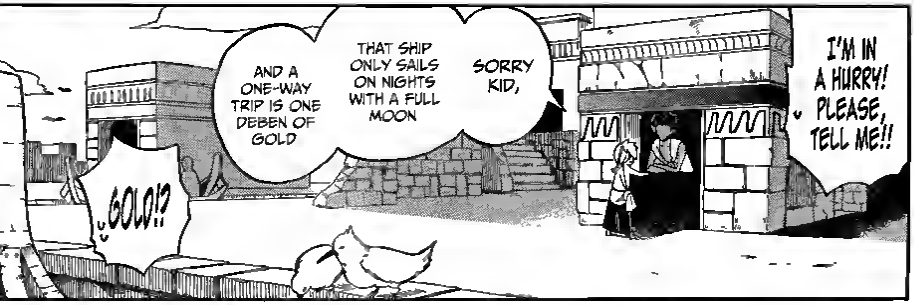

AAAHHHH!!!
THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!!

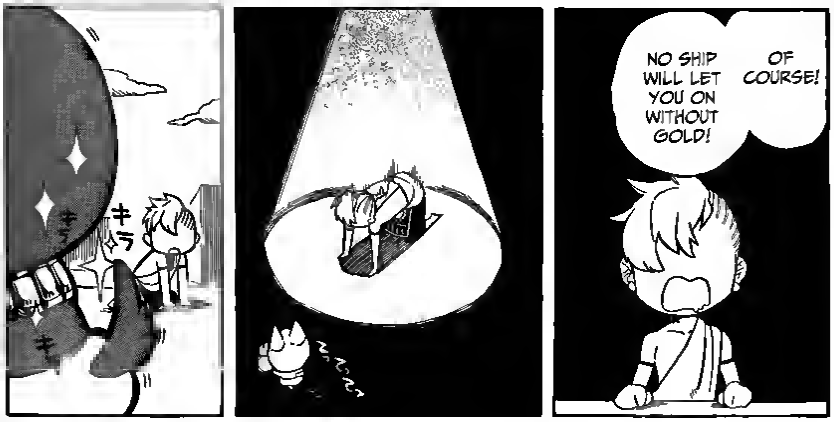
WAIT...!
IF I'M GOING TO HAVE THEM BELIEVE ME, WE'LL NEED TO PUT ON A PERFORMANCE.
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY, THESE SHOULD WORK— IN THEORY.
THIS WASN'T..

YOU.

HUH?

THE SHIP HEADED TO THE TEMPLE OF THE MOOOOON!!!
WHERE IS IT!!!?!?
GULP


I'M IN A HURRY! PLEASE, TELL ME!!
SORRY KID,
THAT SHIP ONLY SAILS ON NIGHTS WITH A FULL MOON
AND A ONE-WAY TRIP IS ONE DEBEN OF GOLD
GOLD!?


OF COURSE!
NO SHIP WILL LET YOU ON WITHOUT GOLD!

NOT MY DOG DISH!!
FUWA!?
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GOOOOOLD...
SO THAT'S WHERE YOU WERE, ANUBIS.
!!
I'M NOT A DOG! I'M AN ANUBIS!!
HUUH!? THE DOG TALKED!?
BUT YOU JUST CALLED YOURSELF A DOG!!
YO...YOU'RE REALLY THAT DESERT MAGICIAN!?
GYAAAH!!
WHY ARE YOU IN THE CITY!?
HM?
AND...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING RUNNING OFF ON YOUR OWN ALL OF A SUDDEN, SLAVE?

I'M HUMAN TOO.
I MAY BE A MAGICIAN, BUT I'D DIE IF I JUST HUNG OUT IN THE DESERT ALL DAY
PLUS MAGICIANS NEED TO GO SHOPPING AND TAKE DUMPS TOO.
HOW ARE PEOPLE AFRAID OF YOU AGAIN?
MORE IMPORTANTLY..
WAS THAT WHOLE "MASTER" THING A LIE THEN,
"SLAVE?"
O-O-O-OKAY! I GET IT!
I'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH, SO SPARE MY LIFE!!
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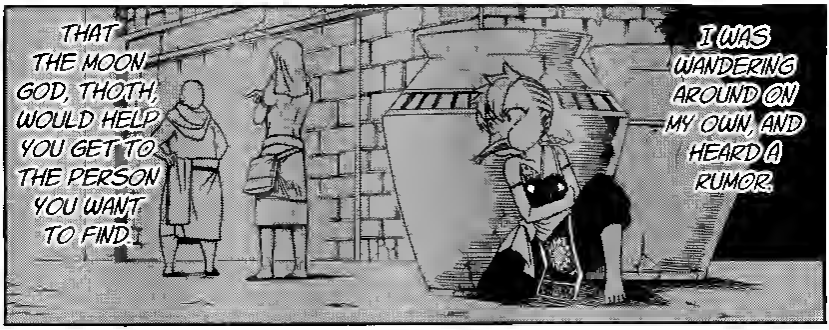
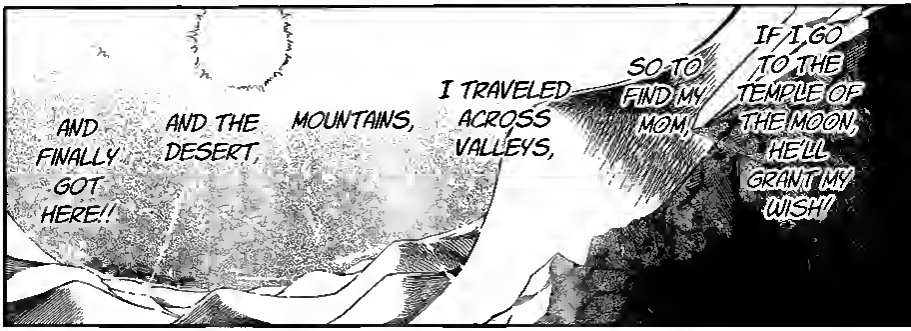
I'M AN IMMIGRANT.
WHILE WE WERE TRAVELING THE COUNTRY, BANDITS ATTACKED AND I GOT SEPARATED FROM MY MOM


I WAS WANDERING AROUND ON MY OWN, AND HEARD A RUMOR.
THAT THE MOON GOD, THOTH, WOULD HELP YOU GET TO THE PERSON YOU WANT TO FIND.


IF I GO TO THE TEMPLE OF THE MOON, HE'LL GRANT MY WISH!
SO TO FIND MY MOM,
I TRAVELED ACROSS VALLEYS,
MOUNTAINS,
AND THE DESERT,
AND FINALLY GOT HERE!!

BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY GOLD, DO YOU?
GO ON, LAUGH AT ME.
THAT A DIRTY LITTLE BRAT LIKE ME ACTUALLY THOUGHT HE'D BE ABLE TO GET INTO A TEMPLE... MUST BE HILARIOUS

EEK!?
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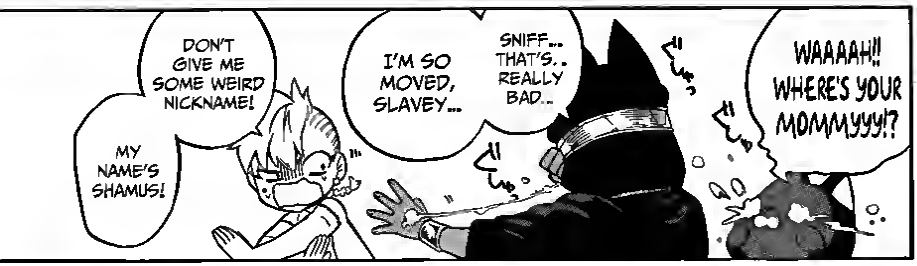
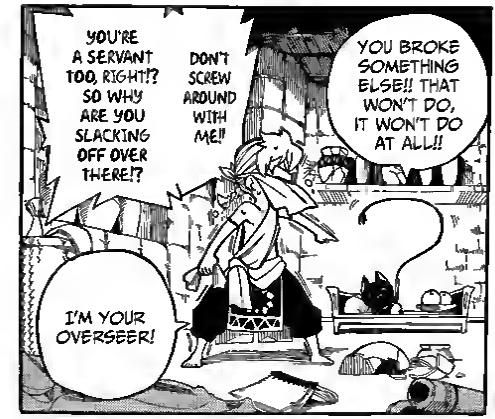

DON'T GIVE ME SOME WEIRD NICKNAME!
MY NAME'S SHAMUS!
I'M SO MOVED, SLAVEY...
SNIFF... THAT'S.. REALLY BAD...
WAAAAH!! WHERE'S YOUR MOMMYYY!?

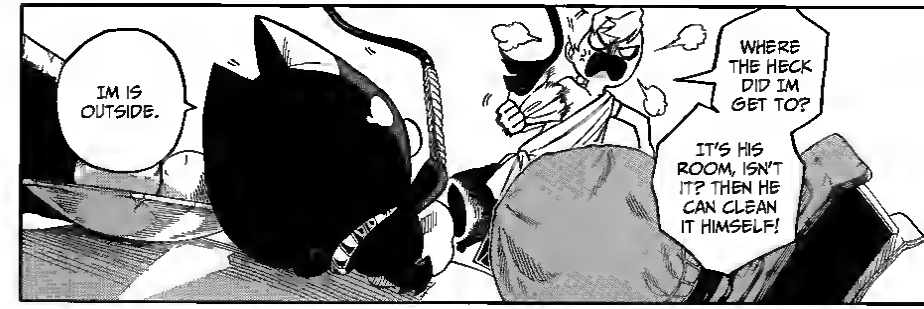
ALRIGHT!
I, IMHOTEP, SHALL HANDLE YOUR SHIP FARE!
A...
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK YOURSELF TO THE BONE UNTIL THE FULL MOON
ARE YOU A GOOD!?
ガーキッ!!
Hey!

SO THEN...
THE TABLET OF THE GODS YOU FOUND WAS BROKEN?
IT SEEMS THAT PRISONERS ARE ONLY GOOD FOR BEING SLAVES.
EEEK!!! SORRYYYY!!!
YOU USELESS FOOLS! THAT OBVIOUSLY WASN'T REAL!!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THE TABLET OF THE GODS COULD BE BROKEN!!?
THEN BRING ME A TRIBUTE IN PLACE OF THAT TABLET!!
WAIT!! ANYTHING BUT THAT!! JUST GIVE US ONE MORE CHANCE...
WHAAA!?
YOU CAN NEITHER COMPLAIN NOR EXPECT TO BE RELEASED.
I'LL WORK YOU TO THE VERY BONE.
DON'T THINK YOU'LL EVER ESCAPE.

PLEASE, TAKE ME TO THE TEMPLE OF THE MOON!!
MESSENGER OF THE GODS, MY ASS!! HE'S JUST A SHUT-IN OLD MAN!!
WHAT'LL WE DO!? WE JUST BARELY MANAGED TO HAVE OUR CRIMES OVERLOOKED, AND NOW THIS!!
!
I'M LOOKING FOR MY BROTHER, SO PLEASE...
I WANT TO SEE MY FAMILY AGAIN!
WE DON'T GIVE OUT FREE RIDES!
GET LOST!

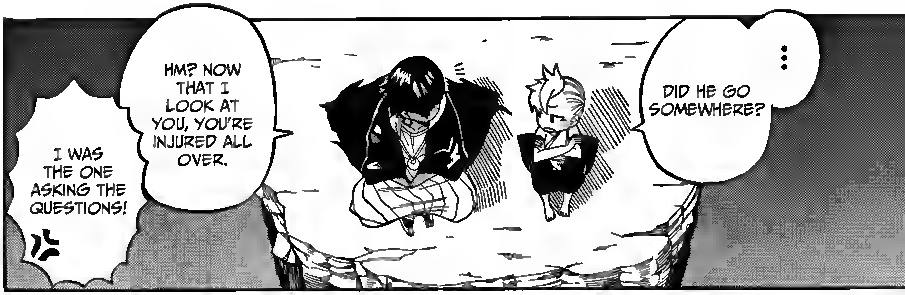

YOU'RE A SERVANT TOO, RIGHT!? SO WHY ARE YOU SLACKING OFF OVER THERE!?
DON'T SCREW AROUND WITH ME!!
YOU BROKE SOMETHING ELSE!! THAT WON'T DO, IT WON'T DO AT ALL!!
I'M YOUR OVERSEER!

OW!!


IM IS OUTSIDE.
WHERE THE HECK DID IM GET TO?
IT'S HIS ROOM, ISN'T IT? THEN HE CAN CLEAN IT HIMSELF!

UNDER THE MOON.

WHY DO YOU LIVE HERE?
HEY, IM...
BECAUSE I'M WAITING.
.....
FOR MY MASTER.
FOR THE ONE WHO FOUND ME..


DID HE GO SOMEWHERE?
...
HM? NOW THAT I LOOK AT YOU, YOU'RE INJURED ALL OVER.
I WAS THE ONE ASKING THE QUESTIONS!

I CAN'T FIND MY MOM IF I'M JUST SITTING AROUND
I HAVE TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP AND LOOK FOR HER!

THESE SCRATCHES ARE NOTHING

THE MOON GOD!

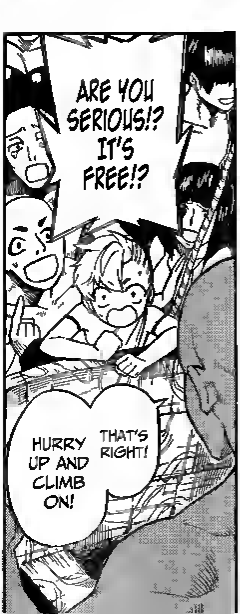
THAT'S WHY I'M GONNA ASK *HIM* WHERE MY MOM IS!

I WANT TO SEE HER AS SOON AS I CAN!
MOM MIGHT EVEN BE LOOKING FOR ME, AND SO SHE MIGHT GO TO THE TEMPLE TOO.
IF YOU WANT TO FIND SOMEONE, YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP!
NOTHING'S GONNA HAPPEN IF YOU JUST WAIT AND DO NOTHING!
TAKE THE FIRST STEP...
MAN, THIS'D BE SO MUCH EASIER IF I COULD FLY!
ALRIGHT, TIME FOR SOME FOOD!

The boat's going to leave!
Hurry!

THEY'RE LEAVING!
We're starting out!!

WHY ARE THERE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE!?
I DON'T KNOW,
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, SHAMUS
I can't walk!!
Don't push!!


ARE YOU SERIOUS!? IT'S FREE!?
HURRY UP AND CLIMB ON!
THAT'S RIGHT!

THE SPECIAL SHIP HEADING TO THE TEMPLE OF THE MOON IS HERE!!
HEY! DON'T PUSH!!

HURRY!!
THIS IS YOUR ONLY CHANCE TO BOARD THE SHIP FOR FREE!
!

I'M WAITING.
HANG ON!
THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE I WANNA BRING!
TAP
HEY KID! YOU'RE GONNA MISS YOUR CHANCE TO RIDE!

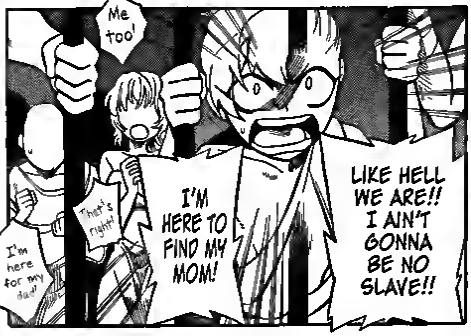
SORRY, NO CAN DO.
HEY, YOU...
YOU WANT SOME WATER, KID?
Uggghhhh
IF YOU'RE GONNA HURL, DO IT OVER THERE!
YEAH, HE'S OUT.
MUST BE BAD WITH CROWDS.
ARE YOU OKAY?

BEEN A WHILE SINCE I SAW A SHIP HEADING TO THE TEMPLE FOR FREE.
AND TONIGHT ISN'T EVEN A FULL MOON.
MAKES YOU WONDER WHAT APOPHIS IS THINKING
DO
OOOO.

I SEE YOU'VE BROUGHT IN QUITE THE HAUL.
OHO.
WAIT!! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS!?
PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON, YOUR HOLINESS!
THANK YOU SO MUUUCH!! WE'RE OVERJOYED!!
IT'S NOT QUITE ENOUGH FOR ME TO FORGIVE YOUR SINS.
BUT I CAN RECONSIDER MAKING YOU MY SLAVES AT LEAST.

BE GRATEFUL
YOU WILL STRIVE TO WORK YOUR HARDEST FOR OUR PHARAOH AS HIS PERSONAL PROPERTY.

YOU PEOPLE WILL BECOME SLAVES OF THE ROYAL GUARD FROM NOW ON.


Me too!
That's right!
I'm here for my dad!
I'M HERE TO FIND MY MOM!
LIKE HELL WE ARE!! I AIN'T GONNA BE NO SLAVE!!

HOW CAN YOU, WITH NOTHING TO OFFER THE GODS, EXPECT THEM TO LEND YOU AN EAR?
YOU HAVE NO EDUCATION AND NO MONEY, SO THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS TO OFFER YOUR BODIES TO THE PHARAOH.

KNOW YOUR PLACE, SWINE.

DO SO. AND PERHAPS THOTH MAY EVEN HEAR YOUR DESIRE.
NO!!
LET ME GO!!
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IS THIS REALLY THE GOD I PUT MY FAITH IN!?
DAMN IT...
DAMN IIIIIIIT!!!
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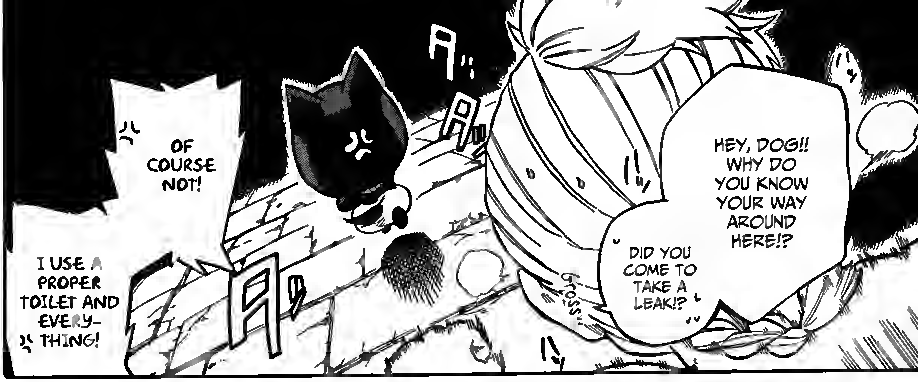
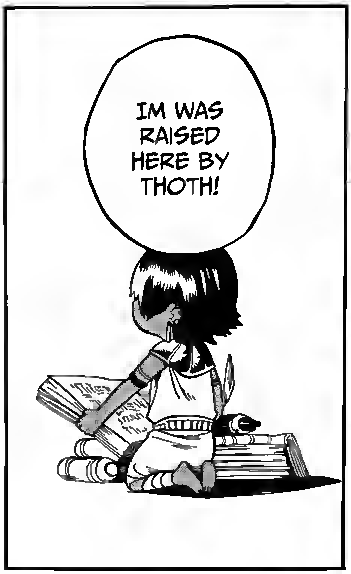
!!?
DOG!?
I'M IN!!!
Argh!!
Grah!
HURRY AND CAPTURE THE SLAVES!
THAT DOG...!
SLAVEY, FOLLOW ME!
WHERE ARE WE GOING, DOG!?
LORD APOPHIS!!


HEY, DOG!! WHY DO YOU KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND HERE!?
DID YOU COME TO TAKE A LEAK!?
OF COURSE NOT!
I USE A PROPER TOILET AND EVERY-THING!


IM WAS RAISED HERE BY THOTH!

THOTH!?
THE MOON GOD!?

THIS IS...
WHERE IM AND I LIVE!!

HE WAS ABANDONED BY HIS PARENTS AS A BABY...
BUT THOTH IS A GOD, SO HE COULDN'T STAY WITH IM.
AND THOTH FOUND HIM AND TOOK HIM IN.
SO HE LEFT IM WITH THE PROMISE THAT HE'D RETURN.
KYAAAAH!!
.DOG!!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, BOY?
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST WALK THROUGH THE ROYAL CHAMBERS?

THEY'RE HUGE!!

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME SEEING A FULLY MATURED ANUBIS?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THEIR BEAUTIFUL, BLACK BODIES?
THE ANUBIS ARE BEHOLDEN TO PRIESTS AS THEIR LOYAL SERVANTS.

AND OF COURSE, NO ONE OTHER THAN ME CAN CONTROL THEM.
NOOO!! IM!!!
YOU FOOLS KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT THE MOON'S SHADOW.
IF YOU WON'T BE CONTROLLED,
THEN I'LL DELIVER YOUR SOULS TO OSIRIS OF THE UNDERWORLD HIMSELF.
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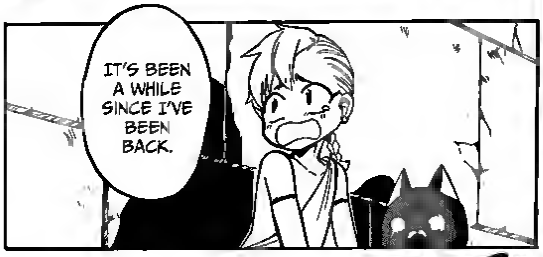
JUST A SNIFF OF THIS WILL WRECK ONE'S PERCEPTION,
AND ATTACK THEM WITH POWERFUL HYPNOSIS.
GROUND SEKHMET ROOT.


IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN BACK.

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I'M HOME,
APOPHIS.
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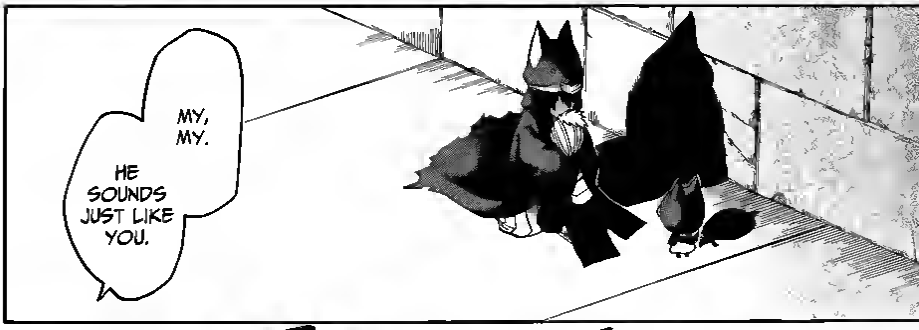
!!?
WHAT IS THIS!?

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE HAD TO WATCH THE PLACE FOR A WHILE.
I WON'T BE NEEDING YOU TO DO THAT ANYMORE.
MMHOTER....!!
UWAAAAAA!! IM!!
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU TWO ARE O-
BWEH!?

UWAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!
UWAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAHH H!!!...


MY, MY.
HE SOUNDS JUST LIKE YOU.

SUCH NOSTALGIC SOBS
FOR WHAT PURPOSE HAVE YOU RETURNED AFTER ALL THIS TIME?

THERE IS NO PLACE FOR YOU HERE!!
THOSE WHO LEAVE THE TEMPLE ARE TRAITORS."
"THOSE WITH THE POWER OF THE GODS MUST NOT LEAVE.
THE LAW OF THE PRIESTS.
WHAT DO YOU THINK? BIG, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS A TABLET WE FOUND IN THE WESTERN SEAS.
IT IS THE VERY VESSEL OF THOTH THE MOON GOD!
THIS IS MAGIC THE LIKES OF WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE!
IT TOOK SEVEN YEARS TO DECIPHER!
SEVEN YEARS!

YOU ARE NOW INFERIOR TO ME IN EVERY WAY! I AM THE TRUE CHOSEN CHILD OF THOTH!
IMHOTEP! I AM NOW THOTH HIMSELF!!
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HMPH!! DUMMY!!
THERE'S NO WAY IM WOULD LOSE TO THE LIKES OF...
I SAID, SIT.
SIT.
WAAAHH!! IT'S HAP-PENING!!

ANUBIS!?
WHAT ARE YOU SLAVES DOING!?
USING PEOPLE'S FEELINGS
AND THEIR BONDS
TAKING THE FREEDOM OF THOSE YOU SHOULD BE GUIDING...
!!?
YOU ARE A FALSE MOON.
APOPHIS.
I WHO BEAR THE NAME IMHOTEP,
SHALL JUDGE YOU.

EVEN NOW, YOU REFUSE TO ACKNOWL-EDGE ME!?
LITTLE BRAT!!
THEN LET THIS MAGIC REND YOU APART!!!
THOTH,
THOTH,
I AM THY SERVANT
!!?

HE'S USING THE SAME SPELL!!?
WHAT!?
THIS CANNOT BE!!
DRIP
I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
I SPENT SEVEN YEARS DECIPHERING THAT TABLET, SO HOW CAN HE POSSIBLY KNOW
HE KNOWS WHAT'S WRITTEN ON THIS TABLET!?
NO, HE CAN'T POSSIBLY...!!
HE'S ONLY SEEN IT ONCE, JUST NOW...!!
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COULD HE HAVE DECIPHERED IT—
WITH JUST THAT ONE GLANCE!?
DHWTY AKH!!

Pluck
IT PICKED UP THE MOON!?

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AAHHH!!!
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AAAHH!!!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
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WAAAAH!!!
ガラ
ガラ

TH–
THIS IS RIDICU-LOUS...
YOU AREN'T HUMAN!!
NO,
I LAUGH AND CRY, JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE
I'M HUMAN.
EEK!
OH?
APOPHIS,
JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

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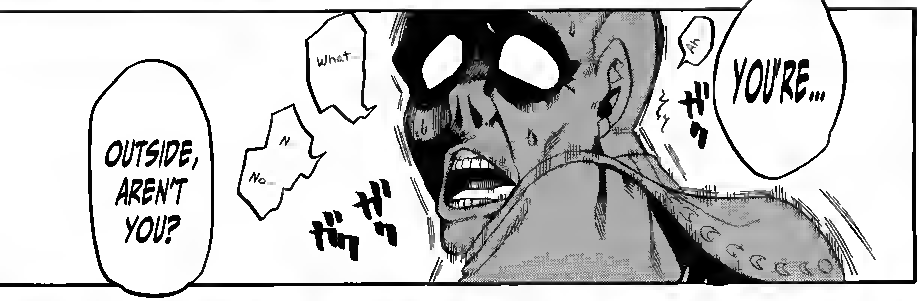
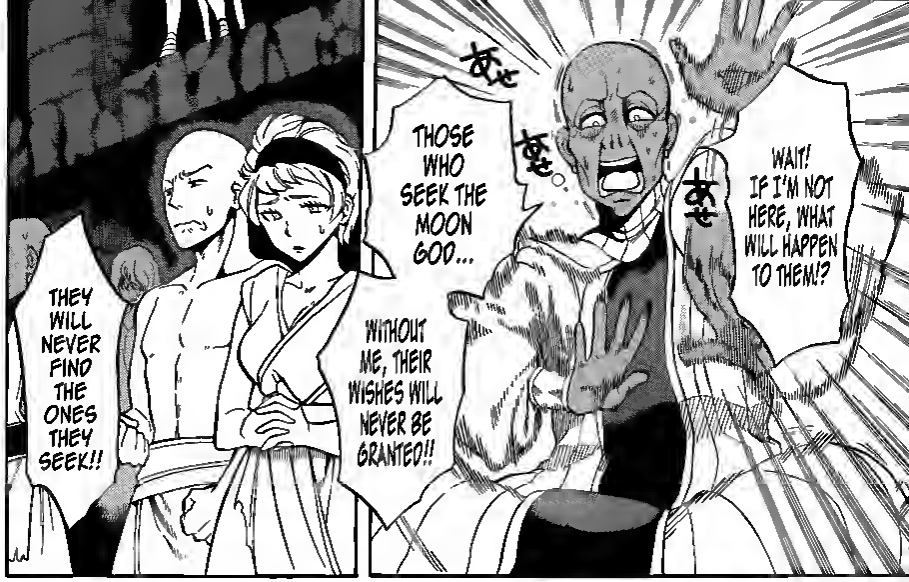

YOU'RE...
What...
No...
OUTSIDE, AREN'T YOU?

THE LAW OF THE PRIESTS.
"THOSE WITH THE POWER OF THE GODS MUST NOT LEAVE THOSE WHO LEAVE THE TEMPLE ARE TRAITORS"
WASN'T IT YOU WHO SAID THAT?

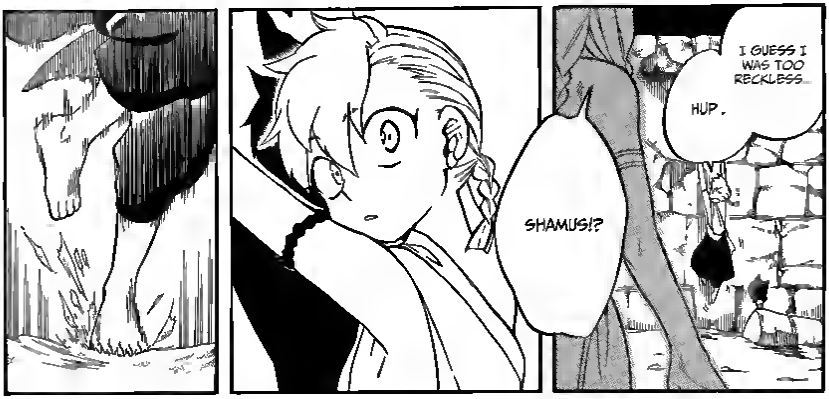

THEY WILL NEVER FIND THE ONES THEY SEEK!!
THOSE WHO SEEK THE MOON GOD...
WITHOUT ME, THEIR WISHES WILL NEVER BE GRANTED!!
WAIT! IF I'M NOT HERE, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEM!?

THEY'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP AND WALK FORWARD ON THEIR OWN.
THAT'S NOT TRUE.

AFTER ALL, IT'S BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO FIND SOMEONE THAT THEY CAME THIS FAR.

AS LONG AS THEY DON'T JUST STOP AND WAIT, THEY'LL FIND WHO THEY'RE LOOKING FOR.

SHAMUS WALKED ALL THE WAY HERE ON HIS OWN TWO FEET!!


I GUESS I WAS TOO RECKLESS...
HUP.
SHAMUS!?

HOW ABOUT YOU QUIT SHUTTING YOURSELF INSIDE AND GO ON A WALK YOURSELF?
BUT I'D ADVISE YOU TO NOT TRAVEL AT NIGHT.
SHOULD YOU LOSE YOUR WAY...

FAREWELL.
THE MOON WILL NOT SHINE UPON YOU.

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WE ARE THY PRIESTS.
WELCOME BACK, LORD IMHOTEP.
LORD IMHOTEP!?
WHA–
I'M LEAVING THE HOUSE TO YOU GUYS.
ALRIGHT, TIME FOR ME TO HEAD OUT.

LORD IMHOTEEEEP!!!
SEE YA.

PLEASE WAIT!!
NGH...
QUIT CHASING US, YOU MUSCLE-HEADS!
GIVE ME A HAND HERE!!

LET ME.

SHAMUS!?
HEH.
BUT WHY!? WHAT ABOUT YOUR MOM!?
WHAT!?
SAID I HAD TO "REPAY MY DEBTS."
I FOUND HER,
BUT SHE GOT MAD AT ME.
THEN LET ME TAG ALONG
YOU WANNA FIND THOTH, RIGHT?
UNTIL YOU DO!
Moms are scary

ROW FASTER, OR THEY'LL CATCH US.

YEAH!!
神を探して歩き出したイム！
ご感想お待ちしてます!!
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